



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Housing: Question on Business or Medical Office on Property (H-6)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT BUSINESS OR MEDICAL OFFICE ON PROPERTY

- The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses these data to identify rental distribution of housing units used to determine Fair Market Rents.
- HUD requires state and local governments to have a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy. These data are used as part of the plan, which requires an inventory of housing units compared with an assessment of the needs of families residing in the jurisdiction.
- Businesses and suppliers use these data to develop marketing plans and to determine the need for products and services.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

6 Is there a business (such as a store or barber shop) or a medical office on this property?

☐ Yes

☐ No

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OR MEDICAL OFFICE ON PROPERTY DATA

- National Affordable Housing, Subchapter I—State and Local Housing Strategies, Title 42, Chapter 130
- Low-Income Housing, Title 42, Chapter 8

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HISTORY OF THE BUSINESS OR MEDICAL OFFICE ON PROPERTY QUESTION

- The question on housing value, which includes presence of a business or medical office on the property, has been asked since 1970.
- The question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The value question reflects the respondent's estimate of the current dollar value of the property, rather than the construction cost or purchase price. This item excludes renter-occupied housing units. By asking about a business or medical office, these data can be tabulated for units without excessive land or commercial or medical activities that may distort the value of the property.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

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